

**TWEEDSMUIR  
HISTORY  
BOOK**



**CALTON**



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Mrs. Lela Bartlett.



## CALTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HISTORY

1952---1954

The Calton Women's Institute was formed on November 12, 1952. It happened this way:

A new school had been built to accommodate the increased number of pupils in the district. As a result, the old school was taken over by the community to be used as a community Hall, managed by a committee of three. This committee felt very keenly their responsibility and wanted to be certain that the Hall would become and remain a valuable asset to the community.

Several of the ladies in Calton had for some time seen a need for an organized group such as the Women's Institute. They were encouraged by the men-folk too, who saw the advantages of an organization which had Province-wide, Dominion-wide, and even World-wide influence on, and for, "Home and Country". Such a group, they felt, if given the privilege of using the Hall as a 'Home', would automatically and without pressure keep the standard of community activities on a high level, and yet include every member of the locality regardless of their religious, racial, or political differences.

So the Calton Women's Institute was formed with a charter membership of 29, headed by Mrs. Charles Phillips as President, and Mrs. Robert Kennedy as Secretary Treasurer. Mrs. Ward Penner of Bayham, and Mrs. H. Evert of Calton, both with long experience in Institute work, helped to organize the Calton Branch.

During their first year the W.I. helped the Hall Committee to pay for materials to build an addition to the hall which will provide a kitchen for their own and community use. They undertook to help buy equipment for the kitchen and towards this project purchased two stoves. The W.I. also bought for the Branch, dishes, towels, and silverware, as well as contributing to a number of worthy causes outside the community.

At the 1954 annual meeting the second President was elected. She is Mrs. Ray Baxter and heads a membership which now totals 35.

The women of Calton have found Institute work highly rewarding, and feel a great deal of credit is due to their first President, Mrs. C. Phillips, and to Mrs. Kennedy for their tireless leadership in making this their first year such a successful one, and all look forward to a long and worthy History of service to HOME AND COUNTRY.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF CALTON W. I.

Mrs. Ross Phillimore  
Mrs. Clifford Parker  
Mrs. Clarence Behie  
Mrs. Anthony Kennedy  
Mrs. Graham Phillips  
Mrs. Herm. Ralf  
Mrs. Carl Parker  
Mrs. Glen Parker  
Mrs. Robert Kennedy  
Mrs. Chas. Phillips  
Mrs. Earl Learn  
Mrs. Edith Marchant  
Mrs. Ray Baxter  
Mrs. Hugh Matthews  
Mrs. Stuart Kinsey  
Mrs. Max Whaley  
Mrs. Arnold McDowell  
Mrs. Robert Whaley  
Mrs. Harley Evert  
Mrs. Chas Phillimore  
Mrs. York Phillimore  
Mrs. Russell Whaley  
Mrs. Warren Graves  
Mrs. Maurice Landon  
Mrs. Harry Fugard?  
Mrs. Lela Bartlett  
Mrs. Murray Wolfe  
Mrs. Illa McQuiggan  
Mrs. Bill Duffy



CALTON W. I. HISTORY 1954 - 1961

Through these years we have contributed to a number of worthy causes sponsored or approved by the Provincial and Dominion boards.

We have helped substantially with the Elgin County Museum.

In 1956 we had printed a cook book known as "Country Home Cook Book". 750 of these books are in circulation.

In 1957 our Tweedsmuir History was begun.

The Home Economics Extension Courses have been well attended and well received. Our programmes have included film strips on cancer, civil defense, Pasadena Rose Bowl Flower parade, travelogues on Switzerland and Italy, Report on visit at Upper Canada Village, History of stamp collecting, Affairs pertaining to Council and to women's property rights and the making of "wills". Also many others of equal interest.

We have continued to help with the upkeep of our community hall.

Our pet project is "Our Good Neighbour Fund." This fund is supported by our members and out of it the elderly people of our community are remembered at Christmas, Anniversaries, etc. The sick are remembered by flowers and cards. Each new baby receives a silver spoon. We also extend aid in emergencies such as loss by fire, etc.

We have a scrap book containing items pertaining to W. I. work here and elsewhere. Also many other items of interest.

We have a "Current Event Book". Each month special items of news are cut from the press and pasted into our book to be read at the regular monthly meeting. This book is kept with a view to looking backward in the coming years to trace important events.

We have enjoyed bus trips to places of note and "Evenings out" at interesting places.



EXECUTIVES AND YEAR ELECTED TO OFFICE

- 1952 - 1954 Pres. Mrs. Chas. Phillips, Sec. Mrs. Robert Kennedy, District Director Mrs. Ray Baxter.
- 1954 Pres. Mrs. Ray Baxter, Sec. Mrs. Robert Kennedy, D.D. Mrs. Clarence Behie.
- 1955 Pres. Mrs. Ray Baxter, Sec. Mrs. Graham Phillips, D.D. Mrs. C. Behie.
- 1956 Pres. Mrs. Ray Baxter, Sec. Mrs. Graham Phillips, D.D. Mrs. Chas. Phillips.
- 1957 Pres. Mrs. Chas. Phillips, Sec. Mrs. Ray Baxter, D.D. Mrs. Robert Kennedy.
- 1958 A ruling was passed that officers with the exception of conveners be elected for a two-year term.
- 1958 Pres. Mrs. Chas. Phillips., Sec. Mrs. Ray Baxter D.D. Mrs. Robert Kennedy.
- 1960 Pres. Mrs. Hugh Matthews, Sec. Mrs. Ray Baxter D.D. Mrs. Chas. Phillips.
- 1962 Pres. Mrs. Graham Phillips, Sec. Mrs. Chas. Phillips., D.D. Mrs. H. Matthews

HISTORICAL RESEARCH & CURRENT EVENTS CONVENERS

- 1952 - Mrs. Illa McQuiggan, Assistant Mrs. Lela Bartlett
- 1953 do do
- 1954 - Mrs. Alphons Pardon
- 1955 - Mrs. Lela Bartlett, Assistant Mrs. Chas. Phillips. Mrs. A. Pardon in charge of scrap book.
- 1956 - Mrs. Lela Bartlett and Mrs. A. Pardon
- 1957 - do do
- 1958 - do do
- 1959 - do do
- 1960 - Mrs. Harley Evert
- 1961 - do , Tweedsmuir History Mrs. L. Bartlett & Mrs. A. Pardon.



# East Elgin W.I. District Annual Held at Calton

CALTON — Homemaking was termed a "profession" by Mrs. A. Hamilton of the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, when she addressed the 45th District annual of the East Elgin Women's Institutes. The meeting was held at Calton Baptist Church here with Mrs. Earl Bagnall, president, in charge.

Mrs. Hamilton stressed the "tremendous importance" of the job performed by the homemaker and outlined the home economics services available to Ontario women and girls.

The Elgin County home economist, Mrs. H. Anderson, outlined the 4-H Homemaker Club work in the area and expressed her thanks to the W.I. members for their leadership. Mrs. Anderson also announced the new leadership training for the institute members.

Opening ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. Lorne Taylor, Belmont W.I. and Mrs. Lyle McConnell, Lakeview.

Reports and announcements were presented by Mrs. R. N. McLellan, F.W.I.O. board member; Mrs. Gowan Young, district secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. Locke, North Yarmouth; and Mrs. Bagnall.

Mrs. R. Kennedy of Calton W.I. extended an address of welcome to the 90 visitors and members. Mrs. Elmer, Garton invited the district annual to Belmont for 1958.

Standing committee reports were given as follows: Agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. W. Mathews; citizenship and education, Mrs. R. Baxter; community activities and public relations, Mrs. C. P. Raine; health and home economics, Mrs. M. S. Charlton; historical research and current events, Mrs. Jessie Anderson; resolutions, Mrs. E. J. Shelley.

Mrs. Hunter Scott was at the piano for the opening of the afternoon sessions.

Greetings were read from Mrs. H. Walper, London area chairman and Mrs. P. H. McNeil, president West Elgin W.I.

Judging of layettes, by Mrs. M. Stilwell, was held with Aylmer W.I. entry placing first and Central Yarmouth, second.

The three resolutions presented by North Yarmouth W.I. were read by Mrs. E. J. Shelley, convener, and were sustained by the district. They dealt with car insurance, income tax and paint packaging.

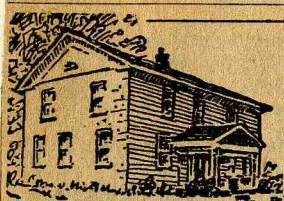
Mrs. R. Young expressed thanks to the Calton W.I. who were hostesses for the noonday luncheon.

The nominating committee's report was presented and the election of officers conducted by Mrs. R. N. McLellan. Appointed to office for 1957-58 are the following: Past president, Mrs. Earl Bagnall, Lyons; president, Mrs. Reginald Young, Central Yarmouth; vice-presidents, Mrs. Osbert Hindley, South Yarmouth, Mrs. C. D. Kennedy, Eden; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Gowan Young, Central Yarmouth; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. William Holmes, Aylmer; federation representative, Mrs. Earl Bagnall, R.R. 2, Springfield; alternate, Mrs. Gowan Young, Central Yarmouth; district delegate, Mrs. R. Young, Central Yarmouth; alternate district, Mrs. Earl Bagnall, Lyons; pianist, Mrs. John Penhale, North Yarmouth; song leaders, Mrs. Alex Ingram, Lakeview, Mrs. George Blyth, Lakeview; auditors, Mrs. Phillip Dennis, Sparta, Mrs. Ronald Burton, Sparta.

Standing committee conveners: Agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. William Mathews, Belmont; citizenship and education, Mrs. Ray Baxter, Calton; community activities and public relations, Mrs. C. P. Raine, South Yarmouth; health and home economics, Mrs. Milton Charlton, Springfield; historical research and current events, Mrs. Jessie Anderson, North Yarmouth; resolutions, Mrs. E. J. Shelley, South Yarmouth; federation of agriculture director, Mrs. Wesley Phillips, Sparta; oratorical contest conveners: Bayham Township, Mrs. Morley McQuiggan, Calton, Mrs. Ray Baxter, Calton; Malahide township, Mrs. George Summers, Aylmer, Mrs. George Blyth, Lakeview; South Dorchester, Mrs. Allan MacIntyre, Springfield; Yarmouth Township, Mrs. John Penhale, North Yarmouth, Mrs. Harry Norman, Central Yarmouth.

May 23, 1957.





## ELGIN Museum News

The bylaw to establish a County Museum accepted by Elgin County Council is a lengthy document of interest to citizens of Elgin County.

The museum shall be known as "The Elgin County Pioneer Museum." All furniture, equipment, goods and chattels donated to the museum shall (subject to any trusts or conditions upon which any goods or chattels are donated) be the property of the Corporation of the County of Elgin."

The objective . . . is to collect, preserve and display items relative to the history and development of the County of Elgin, and the City of St. Thomas; and other items . . . deemed suitable for display in the museum, and to encourage public interest therein.

The organization of the museum shall be:

The museum operation and management . . . under the control and supervision of a committee which shall be known as "The Elgin County Museum Executive Committee;"

The said committee shall comprise seven members to be appointed annually by County Council at its January session as follows: Two members from the County Council; one member from the City Council; one from nominees of . . . the East Elgin District of the Women's Institute; the West Elgin District of the Women's Institute; the Municipal Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire; the Council of the Corporation of the County of Elgin (the nomination in this case to be a person other than a member of the County Council).

It shall be recognized as a guiding principle . . . that . . . they will seek to assure that only persons who are definitely interested in and able to contribute to the ad-

vancement of the museum . . . are nominated or appointed.

The committee shall appoint the following officers from its membership at its first meeting in each year: chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer.

. . . The committee shall be authorized to engage a secretary and/or treasurer from outside its membership if desirable.

A lengthy list of the duties of the above-named officers follows, and the duties and powers of the executive committee are laid forth—the last one of which is particularly important to the general public.

In each year at the organization meeting of the executive committee or so soon thereafter . . . the executive committee shall appoint and entrust to a representative citizens committee of interested persons, to be known as the Museum General Committee responsible for:

The organization and operation of the museum; the planning of programs and publicity; the prescribing of the duties of all persons; employed in or about the museum; the doing of all such things as the general committee deems necessary or advisable for the accomplishment of the objects herein before set.

No expenditure of the museum general or endowment fund monies, or the incurring of any liability . . . shall be made by the museum general committee or any sub-committee thereof, or any officer or members of either, without authorization and approval of the executive committee . . .

The general committee shall furnish to the executive committee such complete reports of the activities . . . as the executive committee may from time to time require.